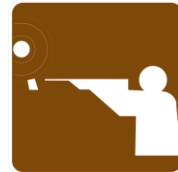


# Target Shooting Mt. Hood National Forest

## Recreation Opportunity Guide



### **VALUING SAFETY, PEOPLE AND PROPERTY**

***Recreational target shooting is an appropriate use of the Forest when done safely and in accordance with the law. To ensure target shooting is safe and sustainable, individuals visiting the Mt Hood National Forest must respect the land, other visitors, and Forest resources. When target shooting is enjoyed in the right way, it poses little threat to people's safety or harm to our natural resources. However, careless, unsafe shooting activities can cause great resources damage and pose serious threats to human life.***



The following regulations have been established as one piece of a broader effort being made by the Mt. Hood National Forest and its partners to reduce risk associated with unsafe shooting activities, provide for public and Forest Service employees safety, as well as to protect natural resources and reduce litter that often accompanies this activity.

### **Know the Regulations:**

- No person shall place targets on trees or shoot trees for any purpose
- No person shall shoot across, from, or along any road, trail or body of water
- No person shall shoot within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or other occupied area
- No person shall shoot carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any person or property
- Persons engaged in target shooting shall remove from National Forest System land all shell casings, targets, and other debris resulting from their use
- Persons engaged in target shooting shall utilize an appropriately sized, natural backstop.
- No person shall shoot targets other than those commercially manufactured for the specific purpose of target shooting, except for paper targets privately manufactured by the person or people engaging in target shooting.
- No person shall shoot glass of any kind, appliances, furniture, vehicles or other debris determined to be garbage or refuse by an enforcing officer.
- No person shall engage in shooting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Target shooting and other shooting related activity will be prohibited from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise
- No use of exploding targets or tracer ammunition



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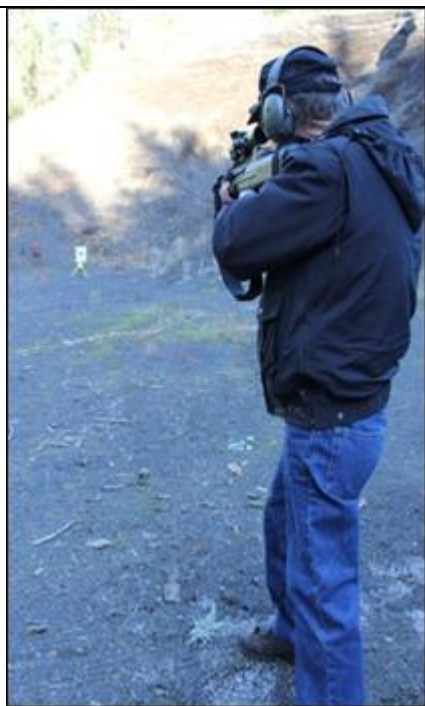
## **Closure Areas:**

There are eight areas closed to target shooting on the Mt Hood National Forest. They are listed below:

1. **La Dee OHV Area:** MH-2013-11, Clackamas River Ranger District
2. **Memaloose:** MH-2013-11, Clackamas River Ranger District
3. **Olallie Lake:** Order No. MH-24-03-79, Clackamas River Ranger District.
4. **Eightmile Interpretive Trail:** Order No. MH-239-01-95, Barlow Ranger District
5. **Camas Prairie:** Order No. MH-263-01-99, Barlow Ranger District
6. **Wildcat Mt.:** Order No. MH-288-09-2003, Zigzag Ranger District
7. **Old Maid Flat:** Order No. MH-295-09-2004, Zigzag Ranger District
8. **Clear Lake:** Order No. MH-278-06-2001, Zigzag Ranger District

**Of the one million acres that make up the Mt Hood National Forest, less than 2% is closed to target shooting.**

**Detailed Maps of the areas are available at district offices or online: be sure to pick one up before venturing out.**



## **Firearm Safety Best Practices**

To ensure your safety and the safety of others, please adhere to the following universal guidelines:

- All firearms should always be considered loaded
- Never point the muzzle of your gun at anything you are not intending to shoot or destroy
- Keep your finger off the trigger and your safety on until you are on target
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target to prevent endangering any person or property
- Before discharging your firearm scout out the area for other people that may be recreating near you
- Only Shoot in an area with a safe backstop preferably an earthen mound
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use
- Use correct ammunition
- Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting



Heavily damaged area on the Mt Hood National Forest as a result of illegal target shooting

## **Mt. Hood National Forest District Offices:**

Barlow Ranger District	541-467-2291
Clackamas Ranger District	503-630-6861
Hood River Ranger District	541-352-6002
Zigzag Ranger District	503-622-3191

**Additional information can also be found by  
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